Fattening on the Pennies of the Poor.
Justice Scott Tells Him, Has Been His Game-Trying to Keep Out of Sing Sing on a Stay-in the Tombs Now.

Albert J. Adams, the policy king, was entenced by Justice Scott in the Criminal branch of the Supreme Court yesterday to erve an indeterminate sentence of not ess than a year and not more than a year and nine months in Sing Sing prison, and for every dollar.

Unless Justice Scott should grant to-day a certificate of reasonable doubt, applica tion for which was immediately made by Adams's counsel, Adams will, in all probbility, be taken up to Sing Sing with the regular batch of prisoners to-morrow norning, as a recent amendment to the law provides that no other Judge can grant such an application once it has been refused by the Judge first appealed to. Without the certificate Adams must stay in prison pending an appeal. He was locked up in cell 103 of the Tombs prison last night, the efforts of his counsel to have him remanded again into the custody of the Sheriff failing.

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Sheriff failing.

Adams was brought down from the Waldorf by the Sheriff's deputies who have had him in their custody and have been his guests there since Friday, and he walked into court looking well-groomed and prosperous and without showing any sign of illness. Sheriff O'Brien stood beside Adams at the bar, and with the prisoner were his son, Albert J. Adams, Jr., and his counsel. District Attorney Jerome was in insel. District Attorney Jerome was in irt with Mr. Schurman, who prosecuted

There was a slight hitch in the proceedings because Adams didn't know whether or not he had ever been convicted before. He pleaded guilty in 1883 to two gambling indictments and was fined \$100 on one charge, sentence being suspended on the other. This being explained Justice Scott said:

Albert J. Adams, I am quite satisfied that upon the evidence submitted to the jury they could have found no verdict except that which they did render. Whether or not any of that evidence was improperly admitted was not a matter for them to consider, and it is not a matter to be considered now in the imposition of sentrace, I am quite satisfied that you have been for many years a persistent lawbreaker, and a persistent lawbreaker and a persistent lawbreaker, and a persistent lawbreaker pot only in the ordinary sense of the term, but in a very mean and sordid sense, in which by playing upon the weaknesses and frailties of mankind, you have fattened upon the pennies of the poor. No one needs to have lived as long as I have in New York to have later to the limiter of the lived as long as I have in New York

Mhen Justice Scott informed Adams of the penalty he would have to pay, a slight flush overspread the latter's features, but he looked squarely at the Judge, and his usual stolidity quickly returned. Mr. Ridgway, in asking for the certificate of reasonable doubt, said that he wanted to appeal on the point as to whether or not the mere possession of policy paraphernalia could constitute an offence. Mr. Schurman got permission to submit a brief in opposition, and Justice Scott will probably make known his decision to-day. When Justice Scott ordered Adams to be given to the custody of the Sheriff, Mr. Jerome got up and said:

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capture was nothing without his conviction. Mr. Jerome said yesterday that he considered it by far the most important conviction secured in this county in a long time.

"The policy business," said Mr. Jerome, was practically atamped out several months ago. As a swindling system it has been destroyed. This conviction puts it absolutely out of business."

Mr. Jerome said that the relations of Adams to others than those in the policy business would have a very serious effect on certain gambling houses in the city. It has been well known that Adams was a partner of Shang Draper's, and not long ago the title to the latter's gambling house passed to Adams. He is said to have an interest in several other places as well, and for years has been the moneyed man of the gambling fraternity. Mr. Jerome said that as it was there was now no gambling houses of any size running north of Canal street.

Although his business was "fattening on the pennies of the poor," Adams is said to have been devoted to his family. For years he occupied a fine house in Sixtynish street a few doors from Fifth avenue, where musicales were given at which celebrated artists appeared. When his place was raided some of the programmes of the musicales were found in his desk.

LAY CONSCIOUS UNDER WHEELS.

LAY CONSCIOUS UNDER WHEELS. Man Injured Almost Beyond Recovery

Dennie Kelleher, a laborer living at 420 East Sixteenth street, was crushed under a northbound Third avenue car at Seventeenth street early yesterday morning. The forward truck of the car passed half over Kelleher's body and it was impossible to get him out. A wrecking crew was sent for, but it was half an hour before it

Meanwhile Kelleher lay under the wheels conscious, and when the wrecking wagon did come gave the men directions as to the best way in which to set the jacks and raise the car so as not to injure

jacks and raise the car so as not to injure him any more.

Kelleher was taken to Bellevue, but the doctors have little hope of his recovery.

Six-year-old Frederick Rushman of 104 East 197th street, while on his way home from school yesterday, was run over and instantly killed by a Third avenue trolley car between 108th and 109th streets. The boy was hiding from some of his schoolmates behind an elevated pillar and was run over as he stepped out to cross the track.

GROUT SUSTAINED.

Not Compelled by the Court to Increase Chambers's Salary.

Supreme Court Justice Marean in Brooklyn yesterday handed down a decision deny-ing William Chambers, a bookkeeper in the Department of Public Works, a writ of ory mandamus compelling Comptroller Grout to pay him at the rate of \$3,000

troller Grout to pay him at the rate of \$3,000 a year instead of \$2,250. The estimate of President Swanstrom of the borough of Brooklyn was approved on April 30 of last year and included Chambers's name at \$2,750. Subsequently it was learned that in Manhattan and The Bronx, persons filling similar places got \$3,000.

In his estimate for 1903, President Swanstrom inserted \$3,000 as Chambers's salary and the Civil Service Commission certified to the increase in January and February, but in March Comptroller Grout refused to pay the salary on the ground that the Board of Estimate and the Board of Aldermen had not passed upon and approved the increase. The decision affects other salaries which were increased in the same manner.

6815,000 for Fire Department. Among the appropriations favorably passed upon by the Aldermen yesterday was one of \$250,000 to enable Fire Commis

TO FIGHT ASSESSMENTS. Mass Meeting to Be Held This Ev

in Long Island City. A mass meeting of Long Island City property owners will be held this evening in Klobutscheck's Hall at 97 Borden avenue, Long Island City, to secure concerted action against the levying of \$1,925,000 in assessments on their properties for improvements carried out during the

years 1893 to 1897. A special law of 1893 provided that the improvements should be planned and supervised by a commission of five. The total cost was not to exceed \$1,500,000 and bonds to that amount were to be issued and sold for cash. The cost was to be assessed, according to the law, against the property benefited.

The total work was divided into sixteen

contracts, fourteen of which were given to the firm of Sheehan & O'Brien. The work was completed in January, 1897. It is also alleged that most of the bonds were given to the contractors, Sheehan & O'Brien, instead of cash.

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were given to the contractors, Sheehan & O'Brien, instead of cash.

The cost of the improvements has not yet been assessed against the property, most of which in the meantime has changed hands without any reference being made by the sellers to the tax lien pending against it. Some time ago notice was given that the assessment would be made and that objections against it would have to be filed with the Board of Assessors before May 8. The notice came as a surprise to a majority of the property owners.

Much of the property owners, and one of the heaviest sufferers, if the assessment is carried through, will be St. John's Hospital. This has caused Bishop O'Donnell to engage Lawyer James J. Conway of 48 Jackson avenue to represent the diccess.

Other property owners have employed diocese.

Other property owners have employed the services of the Richard I White Law Company of this city and Mr. Irving Ward, a member of that company, will be present at the meeting to-night and will propose the general adoption of a set of objections which he will file to-day without reference to the action taken by the meeting. Mr. Ward will base his objections on the following points:

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(1) No general map or plan was made or filed, as provided by the law under which the work was done; (2) the work was not petitioned for by owners of a majority of the property affected; (3) the act providing for the work was unconstitutional in so much that it designated the Commissioners to supervise the work, while the Constitution prohibits the Legislature from so doing; (4) the prices paid for the work were in excess of fair market prices; (5) the cost of the work amounted to a sum which placed the debt of Long Island City on Jan. 1, 1895, much in excess of the 10 per cent. on assessed valuation permitted by law; (6) work was charged for and included in the assessment which was never performed; (7) the charges for expenses incidental to the work, which amounted to \$390,000, were never authorized by law; (8) the charge for interest on the bond issue now to be included in the assessment was never authorized by the original law providing for the work.

IS THE BIGGEST STATE SOCIETY Pennsylvanians Have 602 Members in New

York-Bishop Potter Retires as Head. The Pennsylvania Society had its annual meeting last night in the Astor Gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria. In the absence of Bishop Potter, the president, Barr Ferree, the secretary, presided. The Membership Committee reported a total of 602 members which, it was said, made the Pennsylvania the largest State society in New York.

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"If your Honor pleases, we would like the prisoner committed to the Warden of the City Prison."

The Judge thereupon altered the order, and Adams went over to the Tombs with the deputies who have been living with him at the Waldorf.

In the Tombs Adams was relieved of a small knife and a bunch of keys. A fat roll of bills he was allowed to keep. In his cell he refused to see any one but his counsel. Adams is the biggest fish yet caught in any of Mr. Jerome's raids, but his capture was nothing without his conviction. Mr. Jerome said yesterday that he considered it by far the most important conviction secured in this county in a long time. A letter was read from Bishop Potter,

IMMIGRANTS IN MARCH, 91,666, And the Record for April Will Greatly Exceed That Number.

WASHINGTON, April 21 .- The statistics of immigration for the month of March, completed to-day, show the number of arrivals at ports of the United States to have been 91,666, or 14,178 more than in March, 1902, which was the record for that

month.

If the same ratio is maintained for the next eleven months the population of the United States will be increased by over a million.

million.

The reports for the present month indicate that the record for April will greatly exceed that for March, and the immigration officials expect the heavy arrivals will continue for some time. They place the total for the fiscal year to end with July at nearly see one.

Italy furnished the greatest number of the immigrants in March, as for some time past, with a total of 30,765, Austria-Hun-gary being second with 24,554; Russia third, with 11,701, and Germany fourth, with

GOING TO STUDY THE HORSE. One of Nine Scientific Expeditions to Be Sent Out Paid for by W. C. Whitney,

Nine scientific expeditions are to be sent out by the American Museum of Natural History within the next three weeks. One History within the next three weeks. One of them, the expenses of which are to be paid by William C. Whitney, will devote its whole time to gathering information in the Western States about the horse. This expedition and six others, all of which are to be in Wyoming and the States south of it, will be under the control of Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, curator of the department of vertebrate palsontology in the museum.

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Prof. Harlan I. Smith of the department of archeology is to take a party to the Yakima region of Washington for a six months' search for ancient Indian pottery. George H. Pepper is to go to Arizona and other States of the Southwest for pottery. He will make two collections, one of which will go to Mrs. R. W. De Forrest, who is defraying the cost of the search in the Southwest.

To Approve County Court House Bill, Mayor Low will approve the bill authorizing the Board of Estimate to appoint a commission to select a site for a new county Court House and build it.

The Weather.

The storm which was developing in the South passed off the North Carolina coast, leaving fair weather in all the Southern States, except for rain

WASHINGTON PORBOAST POR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW WARHINGTON FORBOART FOR TO-BAY AND TO-MORROW

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia,

Delaware. New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and
eastern New York, generally fair to-day and tomorrow: light to fresh north winds.

For New England, fair to-day and to-morrow:
light to fresh north winds.

For western New York, fair to-day and to-morrow:

FIREMEN SUBDUE A MADMAN

POLICE COULDN'T GET HIM DOWN FROM A PRIEST'S ROOF.

Insane Man Gets on a Cupols of Father Nibill's House in Bridgeport and for Eight Hours Fights Off the Police With a Piece of a Lightning Rod.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 21.-Half a dozen policemen were kept at bay on the roof of the residence of the Rev. James B. Nihill, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, on North avenue, for over eight ours last night by a madman, who nearly killed one of them. After an all-night struggle the policemen, although reën-forced in numbers, had to call upon the fire department for assistance, which was given in the form of a steamer and hose carriage, the fugitive being literally soaked

The crazy man is believed to be Joseph Kratanus, a New York tailor. His insanity is of the religious order, but just why the residence of the priest should be made the object of his attack is not known.

According to the statement of Father Nihill, the priest was aroused to action about 8 o clock last evening, when his St. Bernard dog came into his study and whined in a peculiar way. The priest followed the dog, which led him out of a rear door to a place about one hundred and fifty feet from the house, where a man's hat and shoes were found. Later they proved to beong to Kratanus.

Soon the priest heard considerable noise on the roof and, thinking it might be a burglar, he telephoned to police head-quarters for assistance. Two policemen vere sent to investigate. When they reached the roof they saw a man on top of the cupola, which is about fifteen feet high and eight feet square. He refused to come down and one policeman kept a watch while the other got a ladder.

Then Policeman George Haux started to ascend the ladder. With apparently superhuman strength the madman tore off a strip of heavy lightning rod about five feet long, from the side of the cupola. He broke the spear-shaped top off. With

the spear in his left hand and the iron rod in his right Kratanus fought the policemen down the ladder. The first blow from the iron rod struck the policeman on the helmet and made it unfit for further service. The policeman stood his ground and

stick. He then drew his revolver, but the priest, who was on the roof, ordered him not to shoot. The policeman couldn't fight against the lightning rod and had to give up the struggle. All this occurred before 10:30 P. M.

During the fight the insane man made the night hideous by his yells, and several hundred people gathered. The neighbors within a radius of several blocks could not sleep, and the man yelled continually as if his life depended upon it. At various times during the night, the policemen on the roof resorted to various kinds of strategy to effect a capture, but failed. Police Captain Birmingham came to the rescue a daylight, and would have shot Kratanns, but for the appeal of the priest.

The next best thing to do in the opinio of the police was to call upon the fire department. A steamer and hose wagon were called, and the hose was turned on Kratanus. He stood it for nearly five minutes, after which he folded his hands, and uplifted them as if in prayer and fell on his knees. He started to descend the ladder and when about half-way down apparently changed his mind, for he started up again.

The policemen dragged him down and although held by six of them he fought desperately. They had to club him into submission, and it was an extremely difficult ground.

PALATIA COULDN'T GET COAL ngers, Delayed Overnight, Try German Money on Hoboken.

The Hamburg-American liner Palatia, scheduled to sail yesterday for Mediterscheduled to sail yesterday for Mediter-ranean ports, was unable to do so because of inability to get coal. She will have her bunkers filled by this morning and get off. Some of her passengers who preferred not to sleep aboard growled because they had changed all their American money into foreign coin, which some of the Hoboken hotelkeepers refused to take.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAO-TRIS DAT.

Arrived-Tuesday, April 21.	
Se Kaiser Wilhelm II., Bremen April 14	
Se Grosser Kurfürst, Bremen, April 11. Se Ryndam, Rotterdam, April 11.	
Sa Umbria, Genoa, April 6.	
Ss Kong Haskon, Rotterdam, April 11.	
Se Deutschland (tank), Hamburg, April &	
Se Segurança, Colon, April 14	
Ss Mexico, Hayana, April 18.	
Ss Maracalbo, Maracalbo, April 13. Ss Flandria, Hayti, April 8.	
Ss Prutera, Kingston, April 11.	
Ss Bowtry, Huelva, April 4.	
Sa Orion, Najardo, April 6.	
Se Valencia, Savanilla, April 7.	
Ss Apache, Jacksonville, April 18. Ss Princess Anne, Norfolk, April 26.	4
Ss H. F. Dimock, Boston, April 20.	-
Bark Calcium, Santa Cruz, April 1.	
Bark Inverurie, Caleta Buena, Jan. &	

ARRIVED OUT.
Se Southwark, from New York, at Antworp.
Se Island, from New York, at Christiansand. OUTGOING STRAMSHIPS.

Malls Close. Philadelphia, South pton. 6 20 A M
Germanic, Liverpool. 8 20 A M
Statendam. Rotterdam. 7 30 A M
Peninsular, Azores. 12 00 M
Printiph King, Antwerp.
El Mar. New Orioans.
Comai, Galveston.
Monroe, Norfolk.

South To-morrow. 10 00 A M 12 00 M 10 00 A M 8 00 P M Sall Friday, April 34. INCOMING STRANSHIPS.

Gibraltar... Copenhagen... San Juan.... Liverpool.... Algiers... Due To-morrow Dur Friday, April 24. Due Saturday, April 25. BRAZIL CLAIMS PART OF ACRE. The Bellvian Government Sends Treep Into the Territory.

WASHINGTON, April 21.-Another serious phase has been given to the dispute between Brazil and Bolivia over the Acre territory which at one time threatened to involve the two countries in war. According to official advices received at the State Department, Brazil now claims that part of the disputed region is actually her own, and the Bolivian Government has sent troops into the territory in controversy.

Brazil claims that her alleged rights to Acre are confirmed by the fact that only Brazilians occupy the area in question. The Bolivian garrisons, which have been stationed in Acre, surrendered to the revolutionary leader, Placido Castro, and it is reported that if the Bolivian forces under President Pando continue their march toward Acre, the Brazilians will not attempt to disarm Castro, who has been acting as Governor of the district since

Bolivia's official explanation of Pando's continuance of his march toward Acre after the agreement upon a modus vivendi is that he simply desires to establish order south of 10 degrees 20 minutes south latitude, the line agreed upon as a temporary boundary.

Pando, it is expected, will establish head quarters for his division at Riberia Alta, at the junction of the Beni and Madre de Dios rivers. According to advices received at the State Department, the Brazilian Government will not allow Gen. Pando to over-

TREASURER WILLIAMS'S REPLY He Convinces Department That He Had No Intention to Defraud.

come the inhabitants of the region.

WASHINGTON, April 21.-William P. Williams, Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago, who has recently had frequent conferences with Secretary Shaw in regard to the affairs of his office, has

in regard to the affairs of his office, has filed a written reply to the charges recently made against him.

These charges were never regarded by the Secretary as very serious in character, involving as they did technical complaints against his administration. For instance, it was said that he had carried on the books of the Assistant Treasurer's office for some time a shortage of \$600, owing to the acceptance of short-weight coins.

Mr. Williams has convinced Secretary Shaw that he was carrying this shortage merely as a sort of suspense account, and that there was no intention to defraud the Government in any way.

The Illinois Senators are anxious to have a successor to Mr. Williams appointed, but the reasons for the desired change are declared to be of a political character.

WASHINGTON RULES FOR AUTOS.

Machines to Show Numbers-Licenses Required of Drivers of Gasolene Kind. WASHINGTON, April 21.-The proposition of the District Commissioners to designate automobiles in the city by conspicuous tags has been compromised by requiring the numbers of machines to be painted

on them in plain figures.

A license will also be required and the driver of a gasolene or steam vehicle must pass a rigid examination as to qualifications for operating it.

The speed regulations—twelve miles an hour as a maximum—have not been changed

The speed regulations—twelve miles an hour as a maximum—have not been changed and the Automobile Club succeeded in having eliminated the proposed penalties of revocation of licenses and imprisonment for repeated infractions.

Automobiles going north and south are to have the right of way at intersecting streets over those going east and west.

State on his way to the dedication ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Appraiser Whitehead of the Port of New York has been mentioned as Assistant Secretary Alles's successor, but Mr. Shaw said this afternoon that he had not considered this appointment. He will discuss with the President several appointments in the Treasury.

In Washington Society.

WASHINGTON, April 21 .- Sir Liang, the new Chinese minister, was the guest of honor at a dinner to-night when Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson were hosts.
The Italian Ambassador and Signora
Mayor des Planches were guests at a dinner to-night given by Mr. and Mrs. John
Cropper Cropper.

Miss Roosevelt has returned to Washington from Asheville to attend the ball in her honor by the British Ambassador and Lady Herbert on Friday night.

Army and Navy Orders. WASHINGTON, April 21 .- These army orders have The retirement of Brigadier-Gens. Theodore
A. Baldwin and Louis H. Rucker is announced.
Maior Charles P. Mason, Surgeon, is relieved as a
member of the Examining Board at Fort Sam Major Daniel M. Taylor, Ordnance Department, in addition to present duties, will assume the duties of Ordnance Officer of the Department ment, in addition to present duties, will assume the duties of Ordnance Officer of the Department of Texas.

Capt. Francis G. Irwin, cavalry, from New York to San Francisco and thence to the Philippines, relieving Capt. Sevmour Howell, Paymaster, ordered to San Francisco.

Capt. Robert G. Abernathy, Artillery Corps, assigned to Sixty-fifth Company Coast Artillery and to duty pertaining to army and navy manœuvree in artillery district of Portland.

Assignments of officers recently promoted:

Col. John N. O'Connell to Thirtleth Infantry; Major Joseph M. T. Pariello to Seventh Infantry; Capt. James E. Mackin to Third Infantry; Company I. and John Reventhent at San Francisco and proceed to Division of the Philippines.

Lieut.-Col. John R. VanHoff. Deputy Surgeon General, and Major William F. Wetherspoon. Sixth Infantry, are relieved as members of examining board at Fort Leavenworth.

Capt. Lewis M. Hoehler, Fourth Cavalry, and First-Lieut. James F. Edwards. Assistant Surgeon, detailed at members of examining board at Fort Leavenworth, vice Capt. John H. Beacom, Sixth Infantry, and Capt. John H. Stone, Assistant Surgeon.

First-Lieut. Cyrus A. Dolph, Twenty-sixth In-

infantry, and Capt. John H. Stone, Assistant Stugeon.
First-Lieut. Cyrus A. Dolph, Twenty-sixth Infantry, report to Department of California for
assignment to duty.
Leaves of absence granted:
Contract Surgeon Henry C. Bierbower, for one
month; First Lieut. Samuel B. McIntyre, Fourth
Infantry, extended one month; First.-Lieut. Oilver
P. M. Hazzard, Second Cavalry, for three months;
First Lieut. Delphy T. E. Casteel, Seventh Cavalry,
for two months; First Lieut. Major A. W. Shockley,
Assistant Surgeon, extended fifteen days; Second
Lieut. James Totten, artillery, for ten days; Second
Lieut. Francis H. Lincoln extended one day.

These naval orders have been issued: These naval orders have been issued:

Capt. R. Clover from duty as assistant to the commandant of Pacific naval district to duty in connection with fitting out the Brooklyn, and to command that vessel when placed in commission.

Lieutenant-Commander C. W. Jungen to the Naval War College.

Assistant Paymaster A. E. McMillan to navy yard, Mare Island.

Mrs. Edward Corrigan Hurt in a Runaway. LEXINGTON, Ky., April 21.—The wife of the horse breeder and turfman, Edward Corrigan, was thrown from her buggy at their farm in this county yesterday and injured seriously She was driving a spirited horse when it became unmanageable and ran away, tearing the buggy to pieces and throw-ing Mrs. Corrigan on the stone road. Her face was badly lacerated and her body bruised.

Quill Club Talks of Asiatic Russia. Members of the Quill Club of New York dined at the Aldine Association last evening. About two hundred members and guests were present and heard a talk on "Asiatio Russia." George Frederick Wright and George Kennan were the speakers. WAIL FROM COUNTRY STORES.

THE POST OFFICE IS BUINING THEIR BUSINESS, THEY SAY.

By the Posting of Rural Delivery Routes and Addresses of Patrons on the Lines, They Complain, City Stores Have Got Trade Away From Them.

WASHINGTON, April 21,-According to statements contained in numerous letters complaints and protests received at the Post Office Department of late, the days of the crossroads "general store"

During Postmaster-General Payne's al sence from Washington Acting Postmaster General Wynne issued an order instructing postmasters throughout the country to prepare lists of rural delivery routes and post them in conspicuous places in their Since the issuance of that order the com

plaints regarding the service as an enemy to local industry have been more numerou han ever and petitions addressed to the Postmaster-General have been received at the Department by the score.

Mr. Wynne's order was intended primarily to obviate some of the confusion resultant upon the discontinuance of star routes and the establishment of rural delivery with the consequent changes in the names of post offices and the addresses of patrons. But the complaints which have been coming in say that this posting of rural delivery routes and the addresses of patrons along their lines has worked very serious harm to the trade of rural

It is said that a number of the large mailorder firms which sell and ship everything from a package of pins to a bedstead, in-cluding live stock and steam engines, made cluding live stock and steam engines, made a practice of sending representatives to post offices throughout the country to copy the lists of routes and patrons, which were later used in sending out catalogues and circulars descriptive of their wares.

It is admitted by officials of the Post Office Department that as a result of the general establishment of rural free delivery routes the mail-order business of the country has grown enormously. This is true, as well, of the subscription lists of newspapers, which were wonderfully affected as to growth by the extension of the rural free delivery service.

growth by the extension of the rural free delivery service.

The complaints received at the Department contain a general admission that the country general stores cannot compete in prices with the big mail-order concerns and the statement that a great deal of this local business has been won away by the more modern and enterprising competitors in the big cities.

As the interest of the rural communities in the whole country is centred in this

As the interest of the rural communities in the whole country is centred in this question, Mr. Payne's decision is of importance. His letter to T. M. Lake & Sons of Higginsville, Mo., from whom a protest was received, is as follows:

This order was issued by the First Assistant Postmaster General for the reason that the introduction of the rural free delivery service has caused the greatest confusion in the matter of the proper addressing and delivery of the mair to parties residing upon the rural free delivery routes when established, and it was believed to be for the public interest that the Department should cause public ty of the names of parties residing upon routes whose post office address had in consequence thereof, been changed.

It seems to me that you will readily see the propriety of this action. That, incident to this posting of names merchants.

it seems to me that you will readily see the propriety of this action. That, incident to this posting of names, merchants, manufacturers and others may be enabled to obtain such lists by copying them is not, I think a sufficient reason for a refusal on the part of the Department to furnish informa ion which will tend to reduce the confusion, annoyance and trouble incident to the change of address of the many millions of patrons of the rural free delivery service throughout the United States.

Automobiles going north and south are to have the right of way at intersecting streets over those going east and west.

SECRETARY SHAW'S TRIP WEST.

Comes Here on His Way—Will Discuss Appointments With President.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Secretary Shaw left Washington to-night for New York, and will go from there to Iowa for the purpose of meeting President Roosevelt when the President makes his trip through that State on his way to the dedication cerebring more modern methods into their business, keep in stock a better class of wares and reduce their prices to the mini-mum in order to secure the local business.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHIV TON, April 21.—The gunboat Marietta and the supply ship Culgos have arrived at Key West, the tug Fortune at Panama, the monitor Nevada at Tompkins ville, t e monitor Monterey at Hong Kong and the gunboat loucester at Montevideo. The battleship Massachusette has sailed from Pensacola fo Hampton Roads and the monitor Wyoming from Mare Island for a

KITCHEN

The Double-Breasted Frock Coat & Vest or Prince Albert

Here's the Beau Brummel of coatdom-the long, sweeping, elegant, courtly frock coat made with our "Concave" Shoulder and "closefitting" collar.
At \$20. Frock coats and vests of fine black

Thibet, lined with serge, silk faced.

At \$25. Frock coats and vests of black worsted Thibet, silk lined. At \$35. Frock coats and vests of very fine undressed worsteds, silk lined.

WM. VOGEL & SON.

Broadway.

Houston St.

COMPLAINS OF UNJUST RATES.

Commerce Commission. WASHINGTON, April 21 .- A complaint alleging the imposition of unjust and un-reasonable rates and charges was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission today by William Wrigley, Jr., & Co. of Chicago, against the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, the Chicago Indianapolis and Louisville, the Pennsylvania, the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, the Illinois Central, the Louisville and Nashville, the Southern, the Mobile and Ohio, the Chesapeuke and Ohio, the Seaboard Air Line, the Atlantic Coast Line railroads and the Central Rail-

A Chicago Firm Asks Relief of Interstate

Coast Line railroads and the Central Railroad of Georgia.

The complaint says that the Wrigley company is engaged in the manufacture and shipment of chewing gum. It sets forth that on Feb. 16 the provision of the Southern classification referring to the minimum charge on shipments of one class was smended so that the minimum charge should be based on 100 pounds instead of 50 pounds.

This has resulted in raising the rates on lots of less than 100 pounds nearly 100 per cent, and the Wrigley company alleges discrimination in violation of the Interstate Commerce act and asks that the defendant

merce act and asks that the defendant roads be prevented from enforcing the pro-visions of the rule as amended.

Evans's Squadron at Yokohama. WASHINGTON, April 21.-Rear Admiral Evans's squadron, consisting of the battleships Kentucky and Oregon, the cruiser ships Kentucky and Oregon, the cruiser New Orleans and the gunboat Helena, arrived at Yokohama to-day from Nagasaki. The Pacific Squadron, under Rear Admiral Glass, consisting of the armored cruiser New York, the cruisers Boston and Marblehead and the gunboat Ranger, reached San Diego yesterday from Mexican waters on its way to San Francisco, where it will arrive about May 15.

To Examine the Maine's Botlers. WASHINGTON, April 21 .- The Secretary of the Navy to-day appointed a board consisting of Commander Perry and ieutenant-Commanders Canage and Bailey to examine the defects in the boilers of the Maine. A board of constructors and a board of ord-nance experts will be appointed also to examine the supports of turrets and guns which developed weakness in recent target

Capt. Mahan Declines. WASHINGTON, April 21. - Capt. A. T. Mahan, U. S. N., retired, the writer on naval strategy, has declined an appointment as one of the American delegates to Geneva conference for the relief of the wounded in war.

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WASHINGTON, April 21 .- Robert Burton and George A. Dubreuil filed suit yester-day against Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia for \$500,000 for professional services rendered in connection with the sale of the Western Maryland Railroad. The plaintiffs allege that they were employed by Senator Elkins to assist him in acquiring a controlling interest in the Western Maryland, which would give the West Virginia Central an outlet to the seaboard.

It is alleged that the plaintiffs first laid their proposition before Senator Elkins, and he was so well pleased that he called to Washington Col. T. B. Davis and Richard Kerens, who authorized him to proceed with the handling of the stock of the West Virginia Central Railroad, in which Senator Elkins was already largely interested. Bur-

Elkins was already largely interested. Burton and Dubreuil went ahead with their plans on a promise from Senator Elkins that if he succeeded in acquiring control of the Western Maryland he would compensate them for their work.

Later he explained to the plaintiffs that he had submitted the proposition to Edwin Gould of New York, and President Ramsey of the Webash Railroad, who were enabled to get possession of the Western Maryland. It is asserted by counsel for Burton and Dubreuil that though Senator Elkins made \$6,000,000 out of the deal he has refused to pay the originators of the plan, whose work enabled it to go through successfully.

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